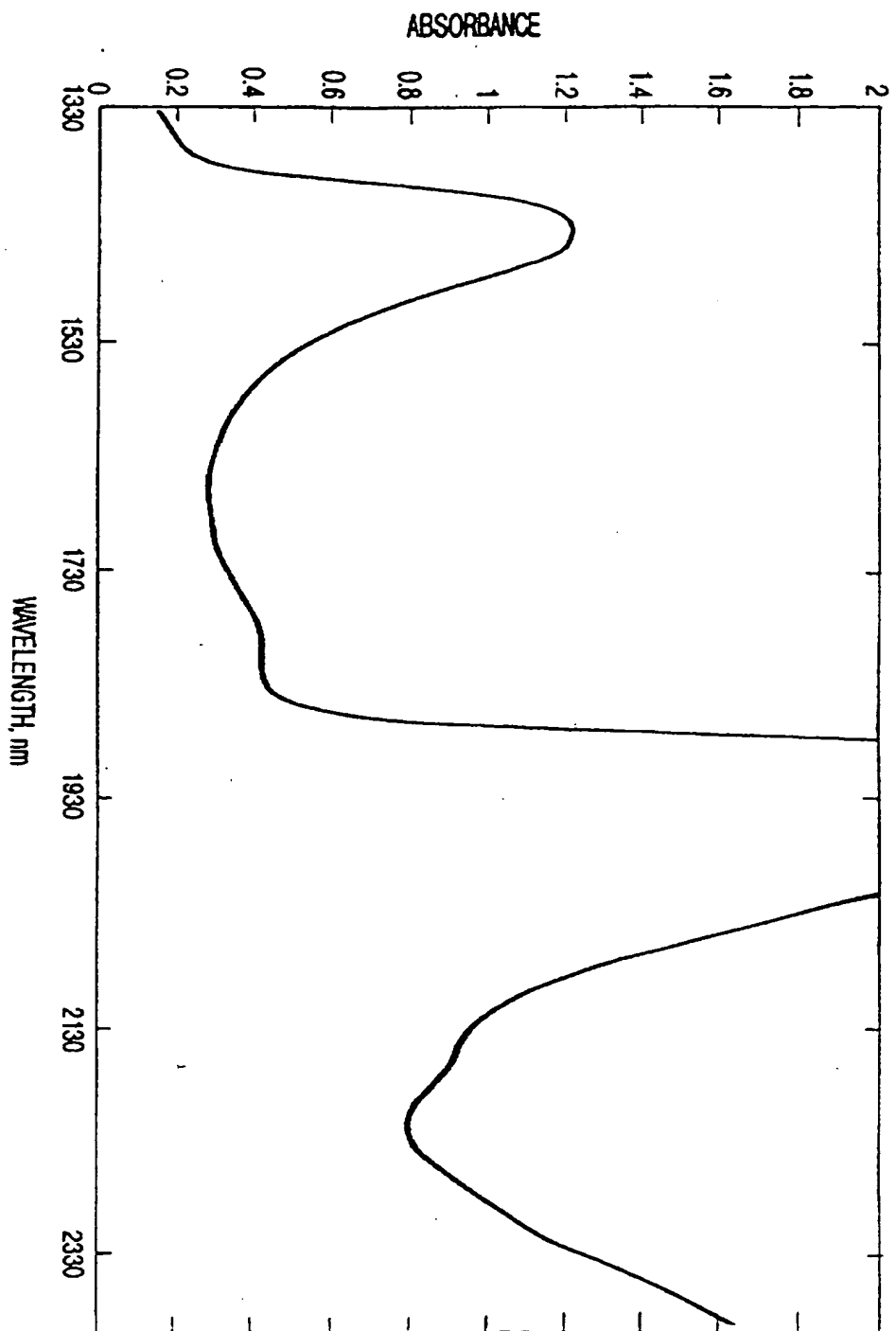


FIG. 1

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**FIG. 2** (Prior Art)

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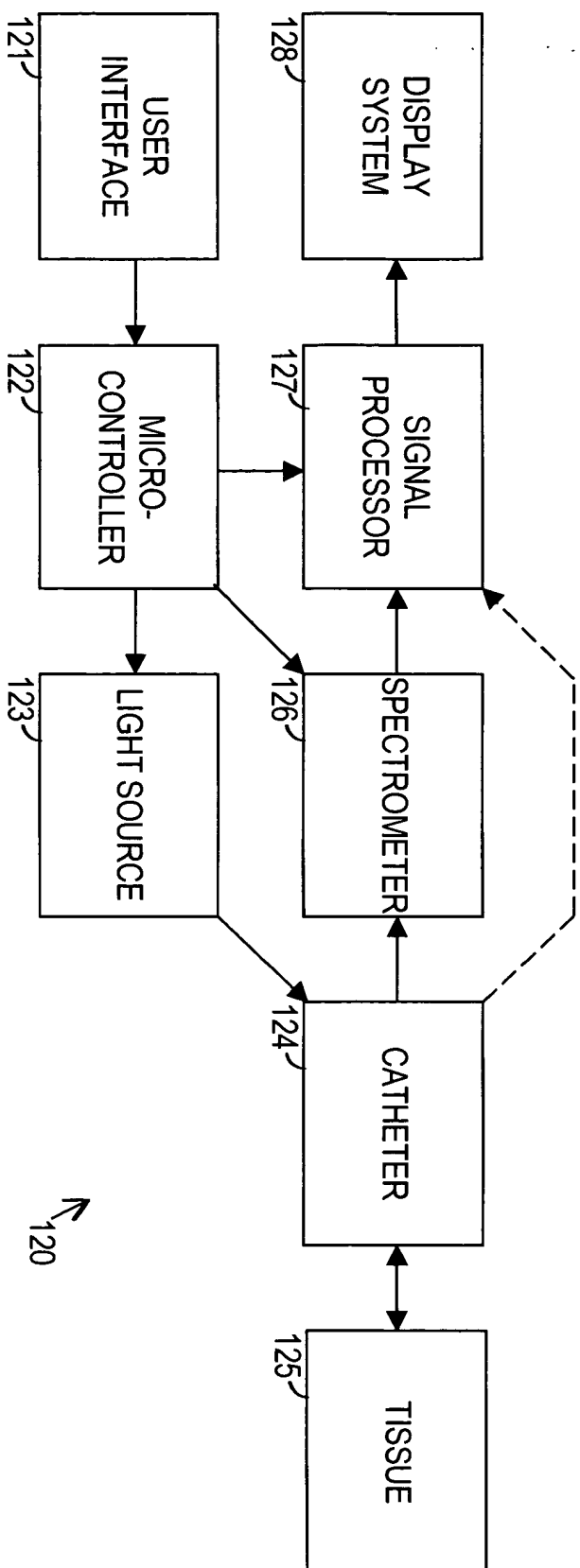
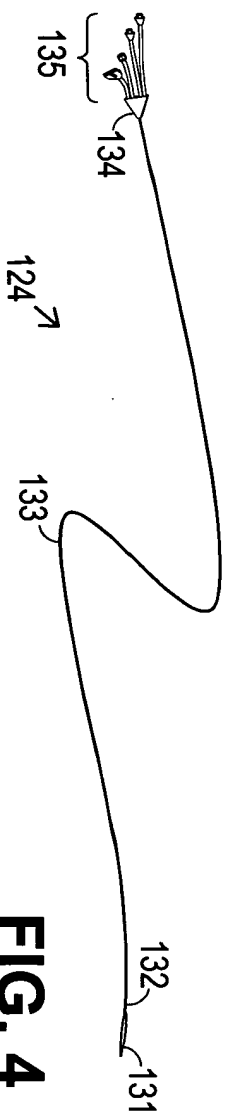
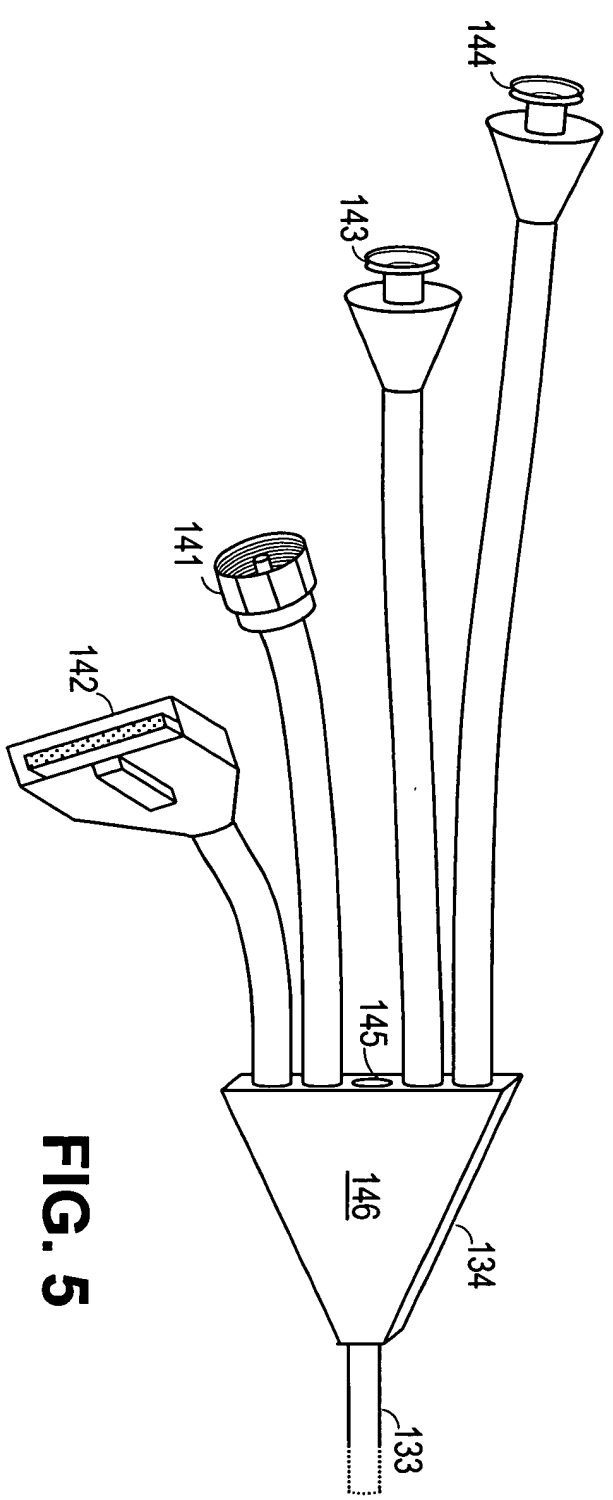


FIG. 3



**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**

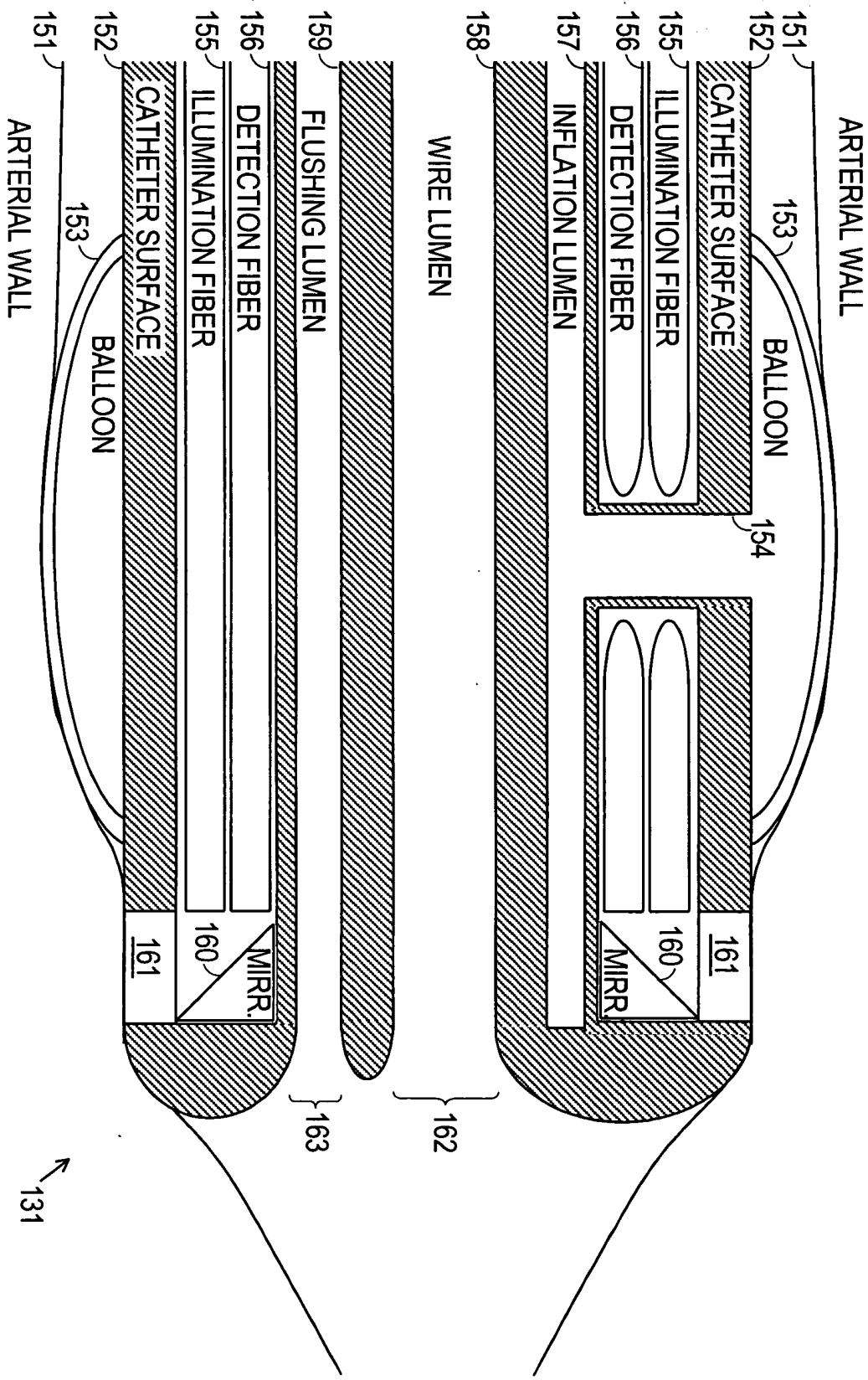


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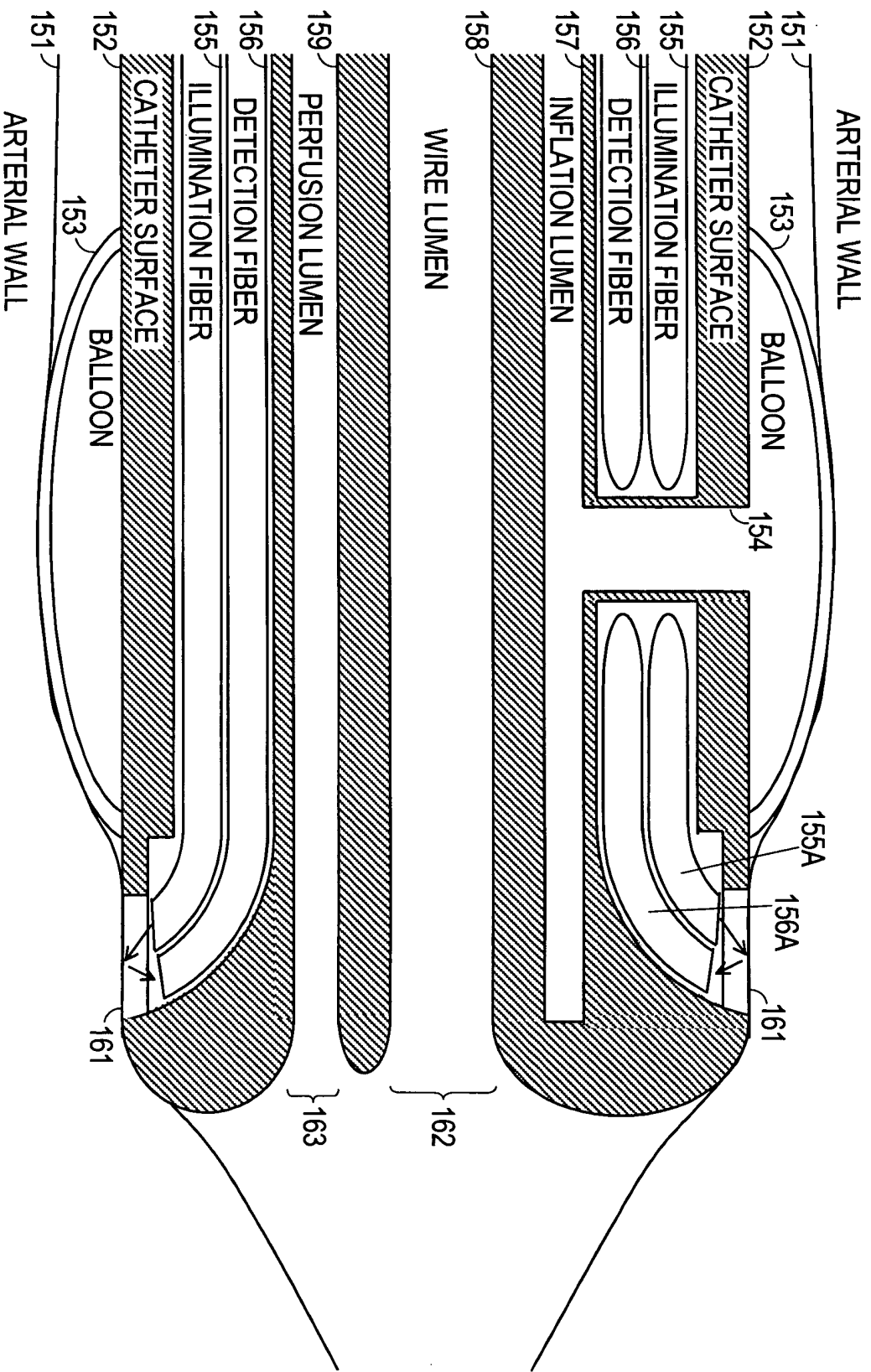
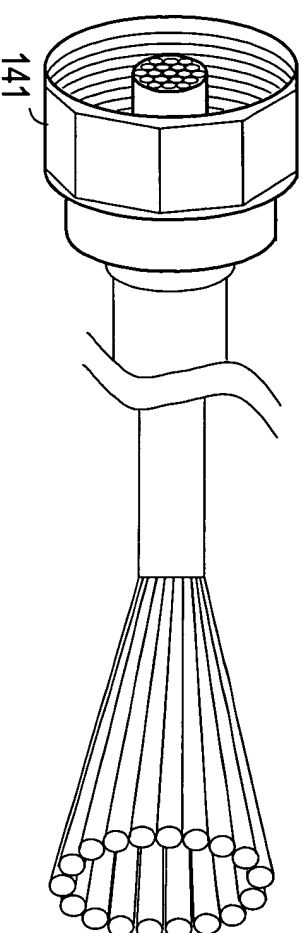
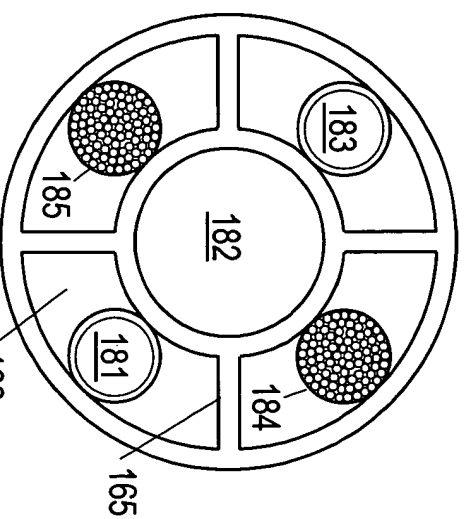
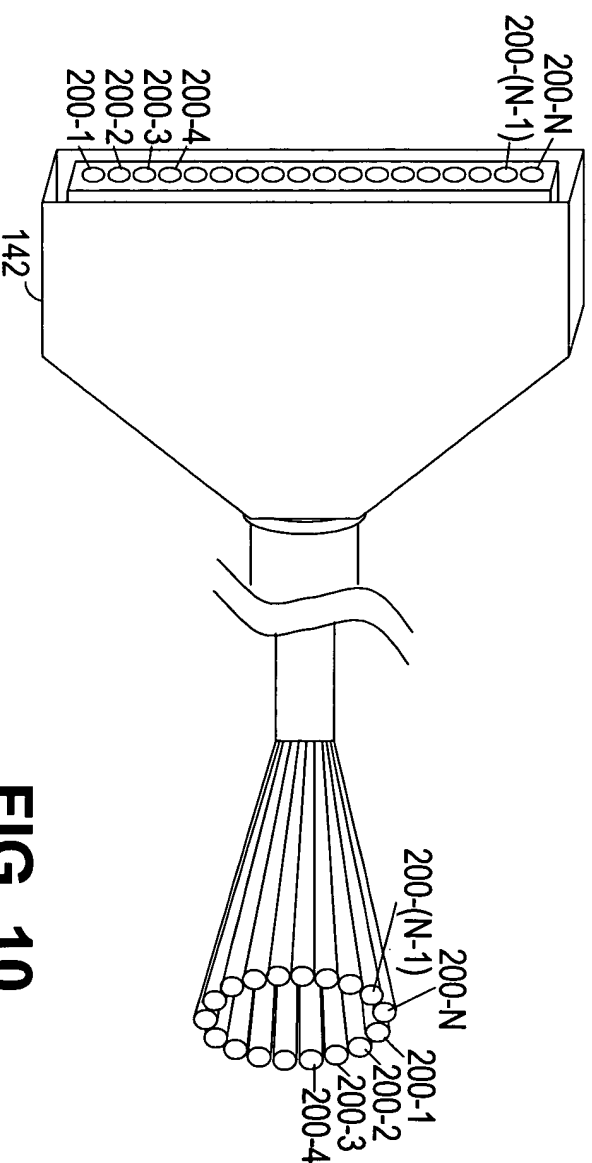
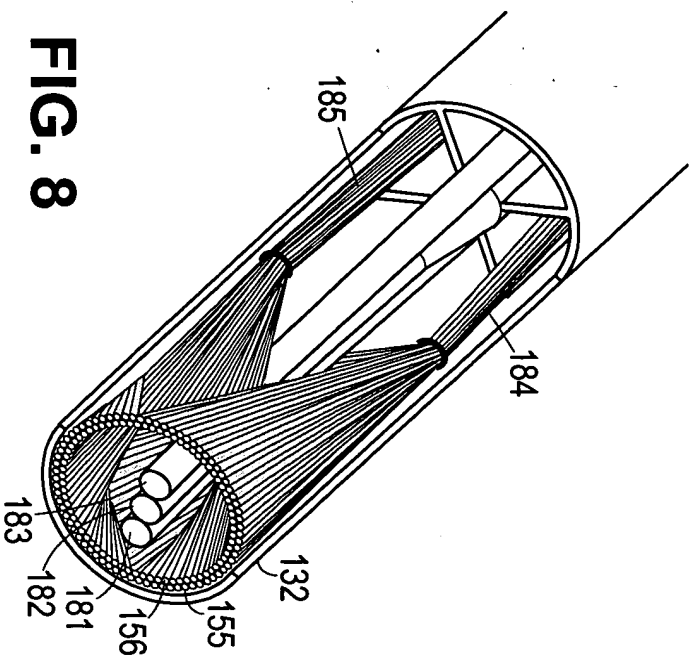


FIG. 7



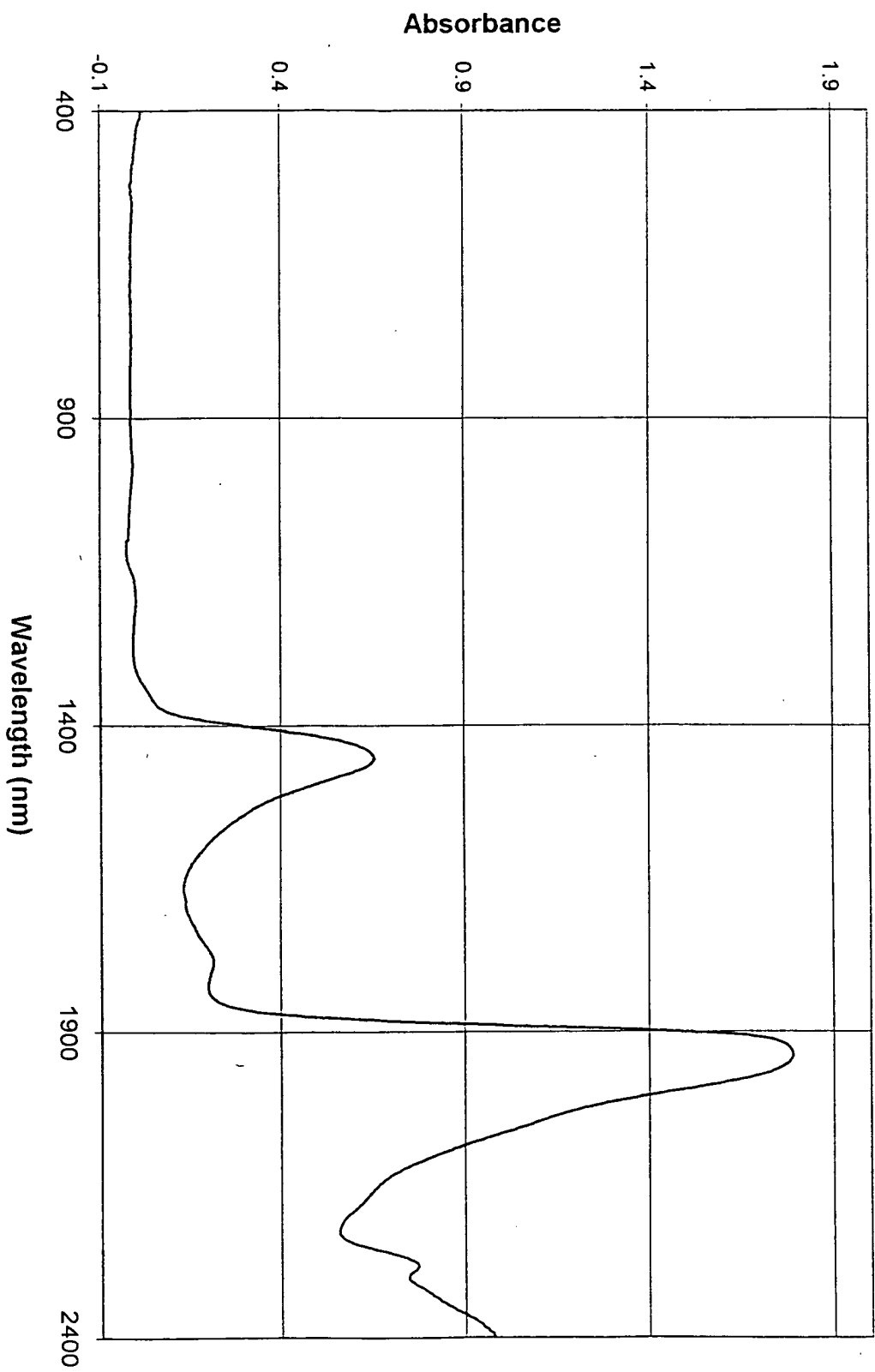
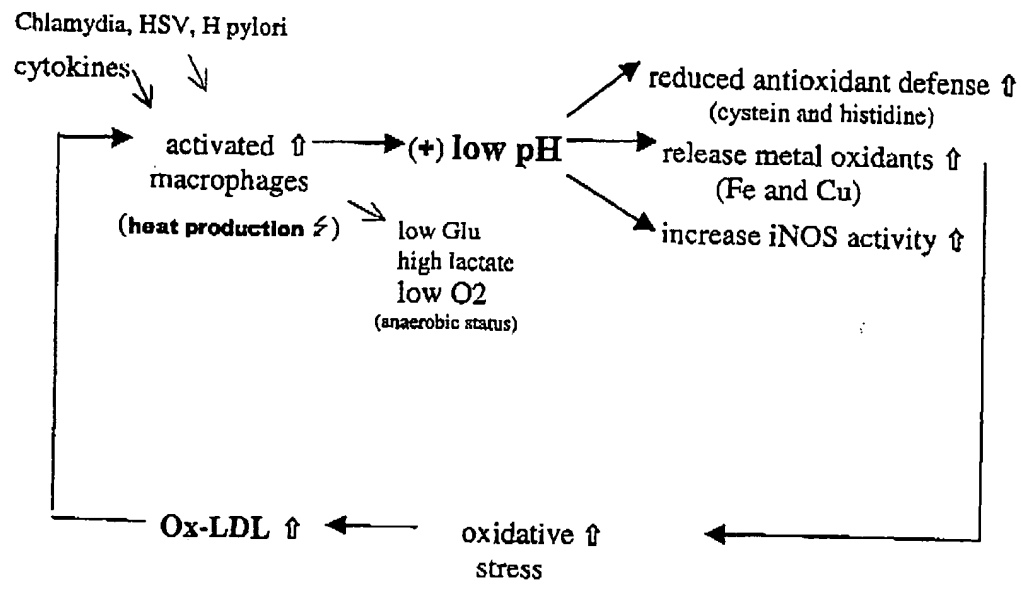


FIG. 12

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Acidic pH



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activate plaque acidic proteases



plaque softening



**plaque rupture**

FIG. 13

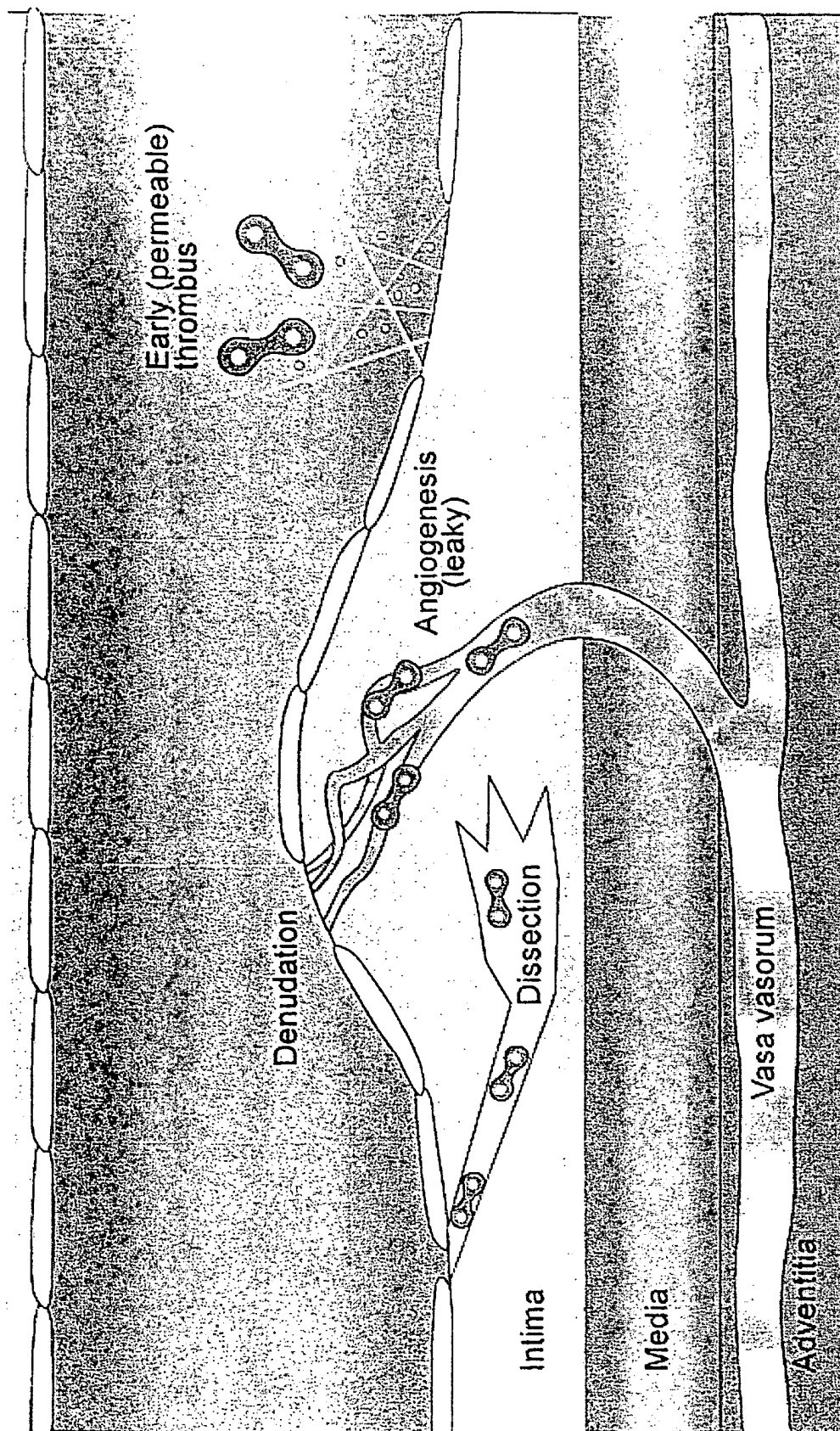


FIG. 14